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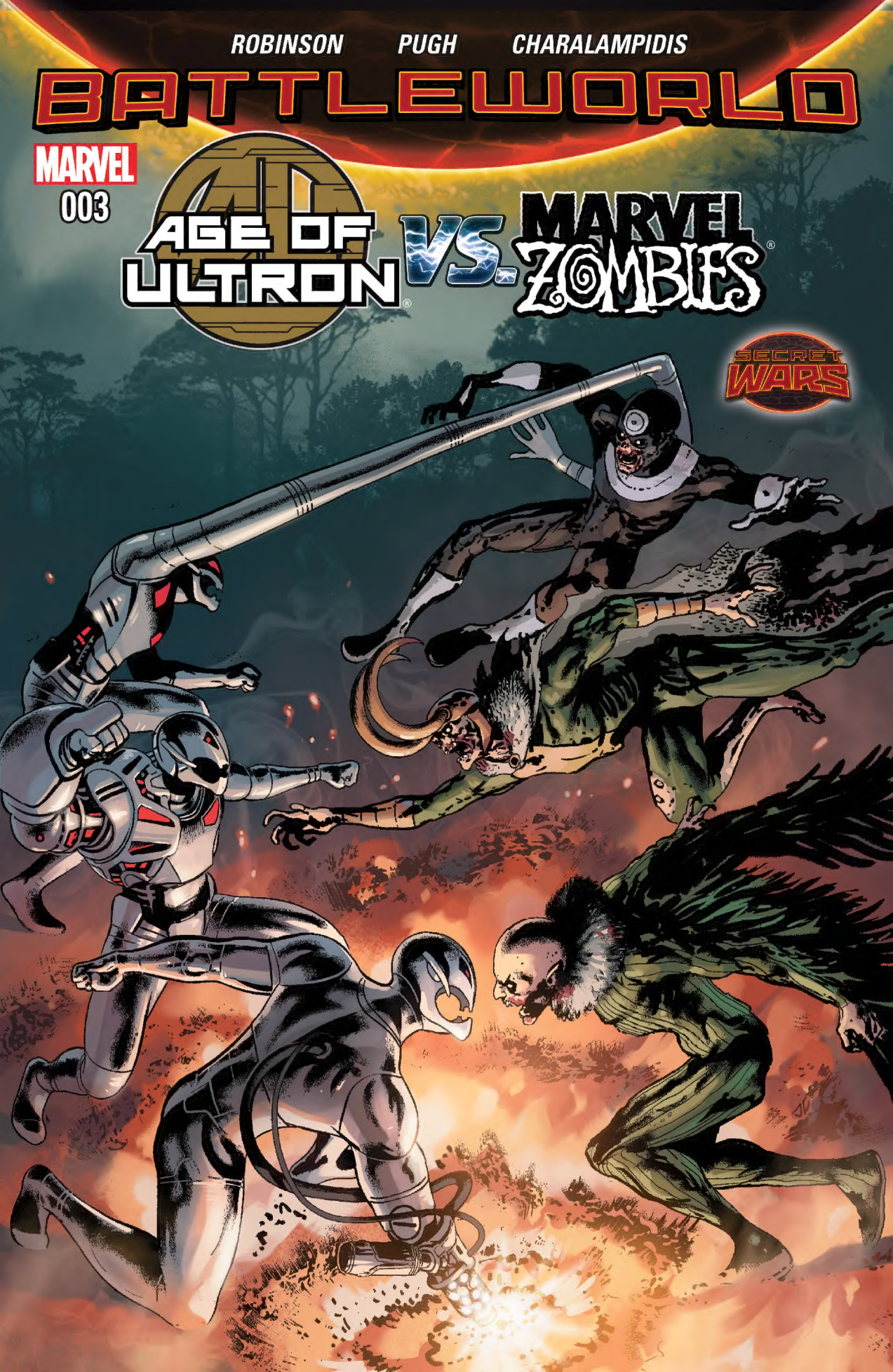

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AT THE END OF THE WORLD LIES THE SHIELD, THE LAST THING BETWEEN CIVILIZATION AND THE TERRORS OF...

SECRET WARS

...WHERE REANIMATED HORDES CRAVE LIVE FLESH...

...OR MECHANIZED MOCKERIES OF MAN ELIMINATE EVERY TRACE OF FLAWED HUMANITY IN...

IT'S WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT. ULTRONS AND ZOMBIES, WORKING TOGETHER.

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PERFECTION.
I'M HUNGRY, ULTRON.
BLEEP
YES, I'M NOTICING THAT'S A COMMON TRAIT IN YOUR KIND.
HEY, A ZOMBIE'S GOTTA EAT.
JUST 'CAUSE YOU GET BY ON A QUART OF OIL....
NO NEED TO BE RUDE, SABRETOOTH, WE ARE IN AN ALLIANCE NOW, AFTER ALL.
YES, AND FOR OUR NEW PACT TO WORK, YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT I HAVE PLANNED FOR EVERY ASPECT OF WHAT'S AHEAD.
OR TO PUT IT EVEN MORE SIMPLY...
...I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M DOING.

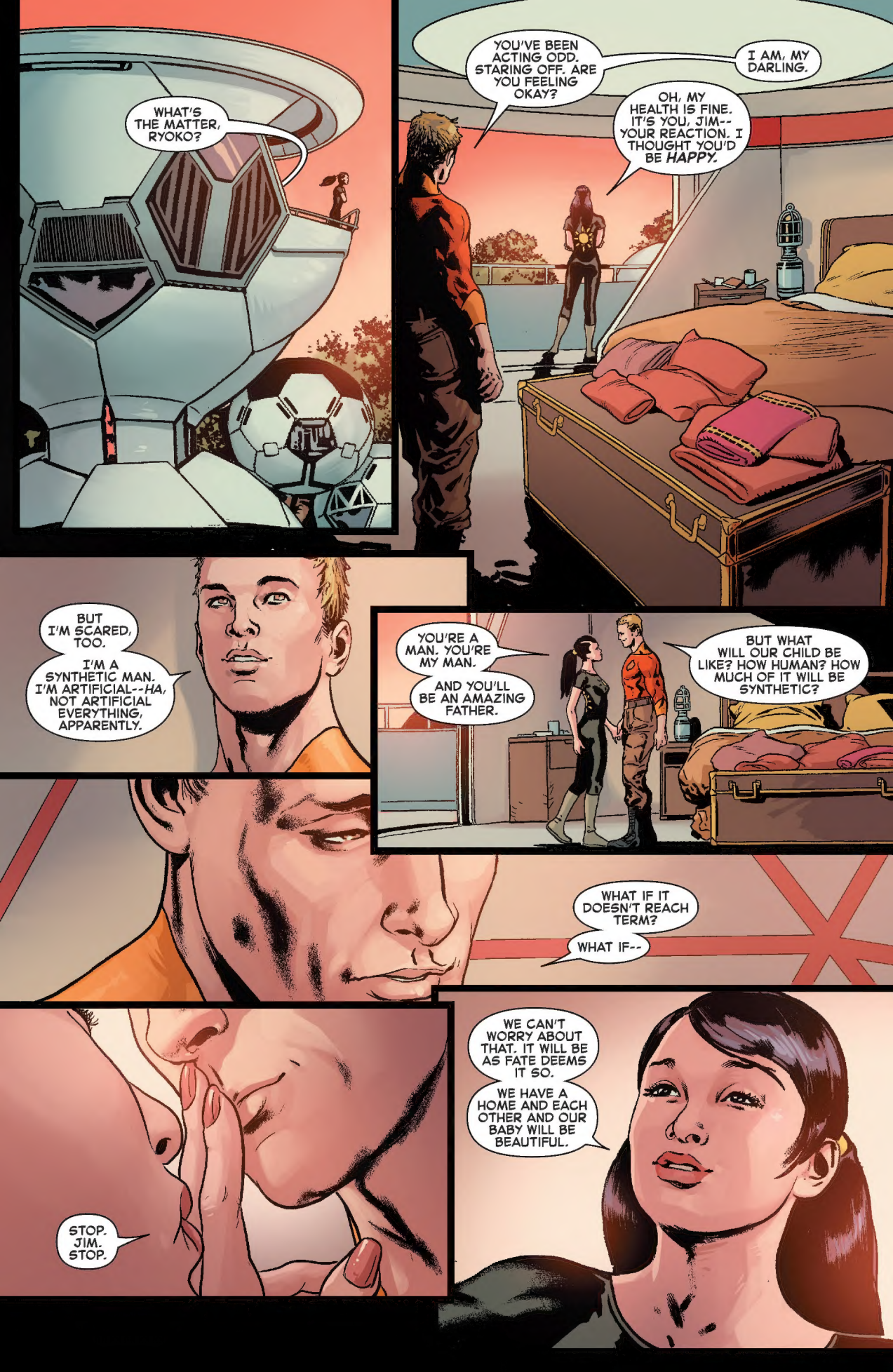
SALVATION.
I'M HANK PYM, SURE, BUT I AIN'T HANK PYM AT THA SAME TIME.
THAT IS, I MEAN TA SAY...
...ON BATTLEWORLD, I GUESS DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE SAME GAL OR FELLA CAN EXIST IN DIFFERENT DOMAINS...
THE PYM OF THIS DOMAIN DONE BUILT HISSELF A "COMPOOTA ROWBOT" MAN, NAME OF ULTRON.
THEN THAT ULTRON WENT 'N' KILLED HIM.
NOW IT'S UP TA ME--ME, WHO NEVER DONE MORE 'N' HALF BUILT A CLOCKWORK MAN BACK IN THE TOWN OF TIMELY--TA WORK OUT HOW TA DEFEAT THIS BIG OL' METAL VARMINT.
BUT I AIN'T GOT ONE CLUE.
AND ULTRON...

...OH, I BET HE'S FULL OF IDEAS.
THE THING OF IT IS THOUGH, ULTRON, I THINK WE'RE ALL WONDERING WHEN WE'RE GOING TO LAUNCH OUR ATTACK ON THE SANCTUARY...
...NOW THAT WE'RE ONE UNITED FORCE.
BECAUSE, MAGNETO, TOGETHER, AS WE WERE APART, ALL WE'D BE IS AN ANGRY MOB, CHARGING AT THE SETTLEMENT'S IONIC ENERGY DOME, UNABLE TO BREACH IT.
NO, TO ATTAIN OUR GOAL, WE MUST TRULY UNITE AND BECOME A NEW ENTITY ENTIRELY.
SHALL I SHOW YOU?
SABRETOOTH. WHY DON'T YOU STEP FORWARD...

NEED SOME AIR.
'S AN EXCUSE.
ANY EXCUSE REALLY SO I KIN SEE MORE O' THIS PLACE.
THEY SAY THEY THREW THIS TOGETHER--THE THREE FOUNDERS DID--THAT THEY BUILT THIS AS A REFUGE SPUR O' THA MOMENT, LIKE--
--THAT IN OTHER OF DOOM'S DOMAINS THERE'RE TRUE CITIES OF WONDER.
COMPARED TO MY HOMETOWN, THIS SURE SEEMS PRETTY DARN WONDERFUL TA ME.
PLACE'S PROTECTED BY A DOME O' "IONIC" ENERGY FROM SIMON WILLIAMS.
JIM HAMMOND AND THA "AND-ROYD" FELLA, THE VISION. THE SANCTUARY'S FOUNDERS...
...THEY WORK TOGETHER LIKE THEY'RE ONE MIND...

...YET THEY'RE SO DARNED DIFFERENT.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, SIMON?
ROADS?
PATHS. ROUTES.
NO, IRON CROSS, I MEAN PATHS TAKEN IN LIFE.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW--WHEN I'M HALF ASLEEP, OR WHAT PASSES FOR IT WITH MY PHYSIOLOGY--I CAN ALMOST SEE--
--LIVES I COULD HAVE LIVED. DIFFERENT LIFETIMES.
...YOU'RE MY WONDER MAN.
GOD, I LOVE YOU.
COME HERE!
BETTER THAN THIS?
HONESTLY, SOME BETTER, SOME NOT SO MUCH.
MAKES ME THINK THOUGH-- IF IN ANOTHER LIFE I COULD TRULY BE WORTHY OF THE NAME WONDER MAN.
DUMMY, YOU ALREADY ARE...

I'M NOT ONE FOR ENTHUSIASTIC DISPLAYS.
REALLY? I HADN'T NOTICED.
HUMOR?
YOU'RE LEARNING. YES, AN ATTEMPT AT LEAST. WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LIKE THIS NEW STRAIN OF ORCHID WE'VE GROWN. ITS COLOR AND SHAPE.
WHY ARE YOU SMILING, AGATHA?
YOU'RE ADORABLE.
I'M A CREATION OF ORDER.
NATURE'S LACK OF IT--HOW EVERY LEAF AND PETAL IS DIFFERENT FROM THE LAST...I FEAST ON THE UNBRIDLED BEAUTY OF IT ALL.
IS IT STRANGE TO HEAR ME SAY THAT?
NOT AT ALL. IT'S LOVELY, ACTUALLY.
COME, TAKE MY HAND, MY LOVE.
LET'S WALK IN OUR GARDEN.


WHAT'S THE MATTER, RYOKO?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING ODD. STARING OFF. ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?
I AM, MY DARLING.
OH, MY HEALTH IS FINE. IT'S YOU, JIM-- YOUR REACTION. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY.
BUT I'M SCARED, TOO.
I'M A SYNTHETIC MAN. I'M ARTIFICIAL--HA, NOT ARTIFICIAL EVERYTHING, APPARENTLY.
YOU'RE A MAN. YOU'RE MY MAN.
AND YOU'LL BE AN AMAZING FATHER.
BUT WHAT WILL OUR CHILD BE LIKE? HOW HUMAN? HOW MUCH OF IT WILL BE SYNTHETIC?
WHAT IF IT DOESN'T REACH TERM?
WHAT IF--
STOP. JIM. STOP.
WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. IT WILL BE AS FATE DEEMS IT SO.
WE HAVE A HOME AND EACH OTHER AND OUR BABY WILL BE BEAUTIFUL.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME WE MET...
"...WHEN I WAS FIRST EXILED AND YOU SAVED ME?"
"OF COURSE I DO...
"...AND HOW YOU PROMPTLY WENT AND SAVED ME RIGHT BACK."
I KNOW DANGER SURROUNDS US. I KNOW OUR EXISTENCE IS THREATENED EVERY SECOND THAT WE'RE HERE...
...BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPIER, JIM.
I LOVE YOU, RYOKO.
YEAH, THREE DIFFERENT MEN...

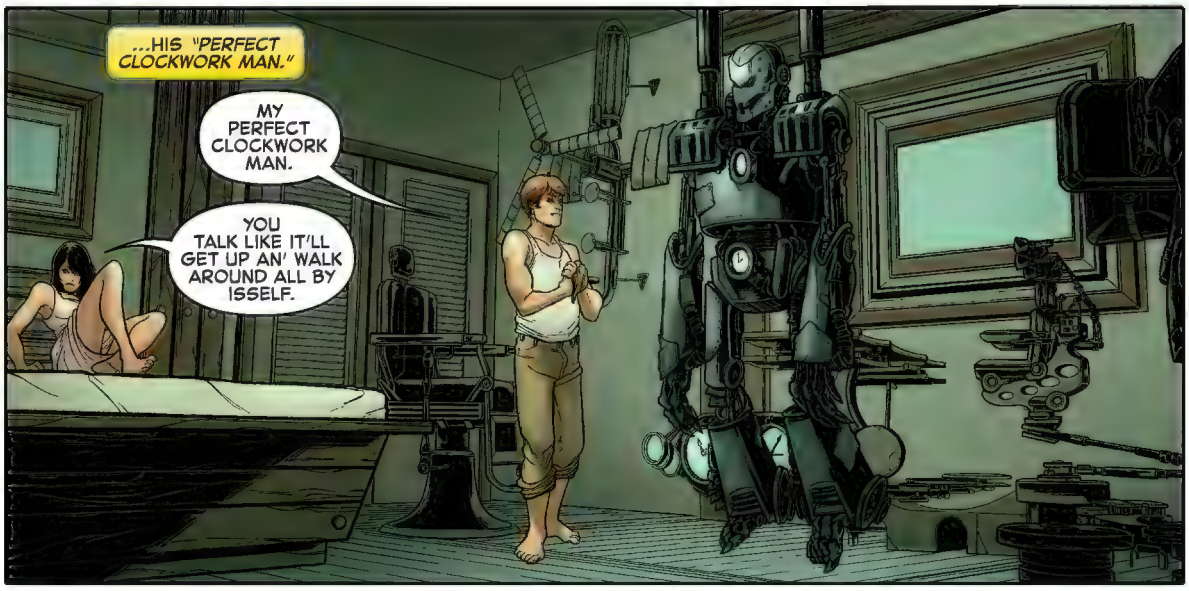
...THEY MADE A LIFE HERE.
GETS ME THINKIN', IF I DO SOLVE THIS--GET ULTRON TA POP A WHEEL OR TWO OFF HIS WAGON--THEN MAYBE, JUST LIKE THEM, I CAN MAKE A FUTURE FER MYSELF HERE TOO...

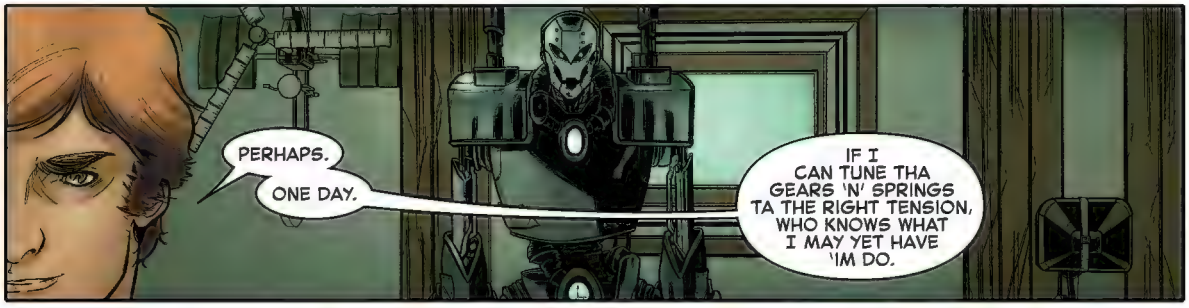
IN THE WASTELAND...
...'CAUSE MY PAST SURE AIN'T COMIN' TA GIT ME.
DAMN YOU, HANK PYM...
...YA SURE AS HELL BETTER BE WORTH ALL THIS HOWJADOO!
HOPE I GET TO SEE YA, JUS' SO I KIN KICK YER ASS FER MAKIN' ME GO THROUGH ALLA THIS HOGSWALLOP.

TROUBLE'S YER NAME, NOT PYM. TROUBLE. FIRST, LAST AND MIDDLE INITIAL "T".
YOU AIN'T CHANGED A LICK.
NOT NOW...
...AN' NOT THEN.
I WAS A DIFFERENT GIRL BACK THEN...

...BACK IN THE TOWN O' TIMELY WHERE WE COME FROM.
DOWNRIGHT WICKED, I WAS.
BUT THEN HANK COME ALONG ALL "SUIT 'N' TIE"...AND I CLEAN FORGOT MY WICKED WAYS...
HELL, I ALL BUT FORGET MY OWN NAME, LOOKIN' INTA HIS BIG BROWN EYES.
HELLO.
HEY, FELLA, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ERR, HANK...HANK PYM.

YOU A DANCER HERE?
TRADE? UM...I DO REPAIRS.
YOU COULD SAY THAT. AN' WHAT MIGHT YOUR TRADE BE?
HONESTLY, I HAVE A BIT OF MONEY SAVED, SO I DON'T NEED TO WORK, IT'S JUST A PLACE--THE SHOP I MEAN--
WHERE I CAN DO THA THING THAT BRINGS ME JOY.
OH, YA GOT YERSELF A JOY IN LIFE. LUCKY MAN.
I'M AN INVENTOR.
WE STRUCK UP A FRIENDSHIP. POLITE CONVERSATION. POLITE SUNDAY WALKS.
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BARBER SHO
UNDERT
DIDN'T STAY THAT WAY FER LONG THO', NOT WITH ME BEIN' ME.
'N' FOR A WHILE WE WUZ O' ONE HEART.
IT WUZ HIS OTHER LOVE THAT GOT IN THA WAY...


...HIS "PERFECT CLOCKWORK MAN."
MY PERFECT CLOCKWORK MAN.
YOU TALK LIKE IT'LL GET UP AN' WALK AROUND ALL BY ISSELF.


PERHAPS.
ONE DAY.
IF I CAN TUNE THA GEARS 'N' SPRINGS TA THE RIGHT TENSION, WHO KNOWS WHAT I MAY YET HAVE 'IM DO.

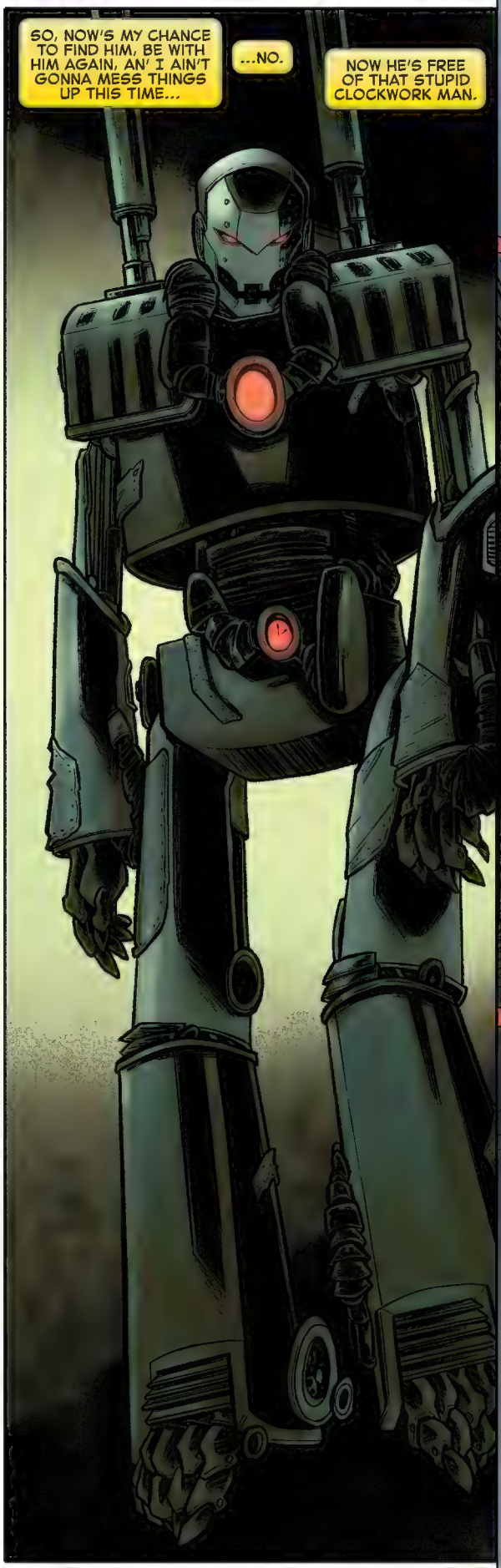
I FELT SHUT OUT.
IN TERMS O' HANK'S REGARD...
...HOW INNA HELL COULD THAT COLD STEEL MONSTROSITY BEAT MY OWN WARM EMBRACE?

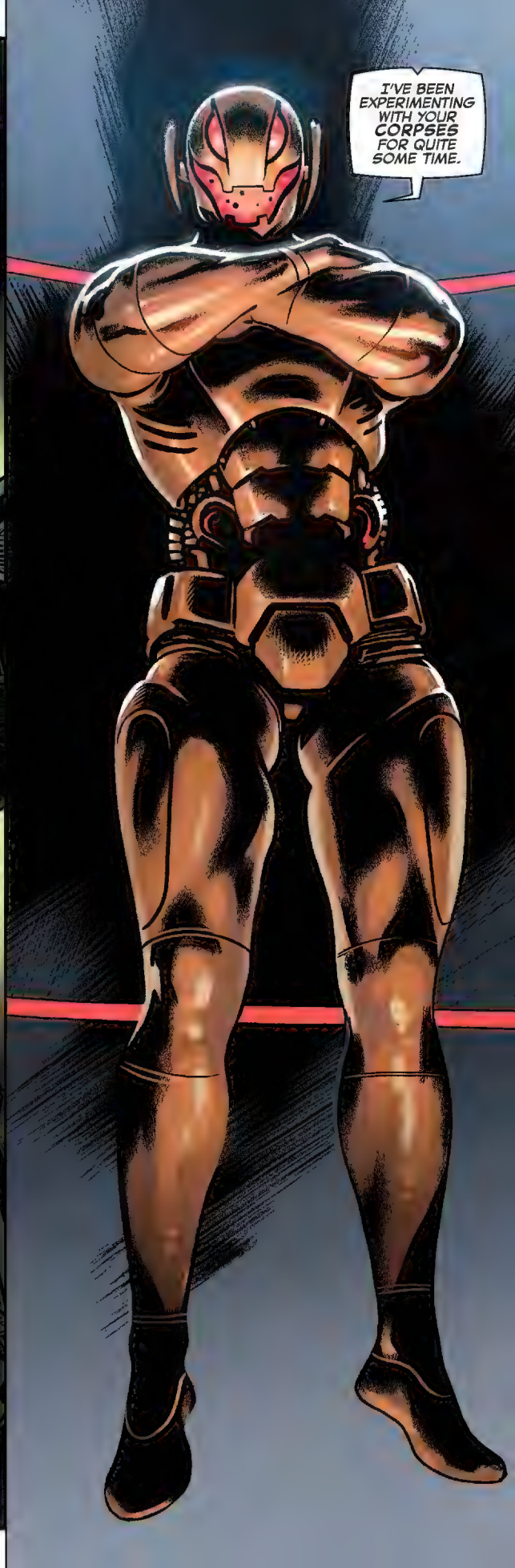
I WALKED AWAY.
DON'T GO, JANET. PLEASE, HONEY.
WHY NOT? YER MORE IN LOVE WITH THAT THERE METAL THING THAN YA'RE WITH ME.

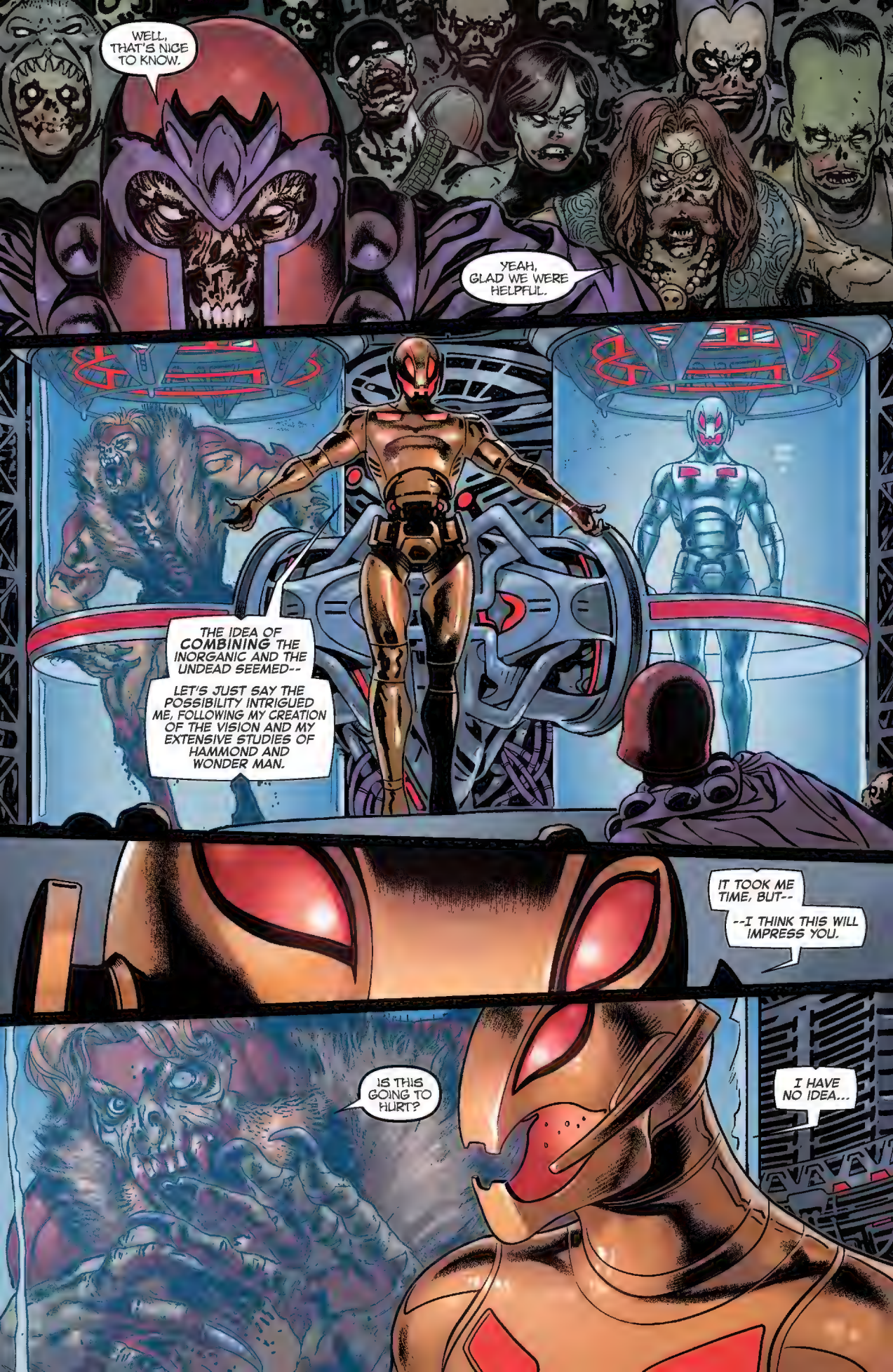
NO. IT'S JUST...I HAVE TA FINISH WHAT I STARTED.
THEN I'M FINISHIN' WHAT I STARTED, TOO.

US.

I CONFESS I WEREN'T THINKIN' VERY CLEARLY AFTER THAT.
GOT INVOLVED WITH STUPID PEOPLE WITH A STUPID PLAN TA OVERTHROW OL' MAN ROXXON 'N' HIS WHOLE DARN OUTFIT.
THEY TAUGHT ME TA FIGHT AN' BE QUICK WITH MY PISTOLS--MY "STINGERS"--SURE.
BUT A PISTOL AIN'T MUCH USE AGAINST ONE THOR...
...LET ALONE TEN OV 'EM.
I DIDN'T DARE HOPE I'D EVER SEE HANK AGAIN--
--CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HE DONE TA GET CAST OFF OVER THE WALL THAT WUZ WORSE'N WHAT I DID--
BUT THERE HE WUZ--THERE AND GONE.


SO, NOW'S MY CHANCE TO FIND HIM, BE WITH HIM AGAIN, AN' I AIN'T GONNA MESS THINGS UP THIS TIME...
...NO.
NOW HE'S FREE OF THAT STUPID CLOCKWORK MAN.


I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH YOUR CORPSES FOR QUITE SOME TIME.


WELL, THAT'S NICE TO KNOW.
YEAH, GLAD WE WERE HELPFUL.
THE IDEA OF COMBINING THE INORGANIC AND THE UNDEAD SEEMED--
LET'S JUST SAY THE POSSIBILITY INTRIGUED ME, FOLLOWING MY CREATION OF THE VISION AND MY EXTENSIVE STUDIES OF HAMMOND AND WONDER MAN.
IT TOOK ME TIME, BUT--
--I THINK THIS WILL IMPRESS YOU.
IS THIS GOING TO HURT?
I HAVE NO IDEA...

WHAAAHRRRGGGHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
...LET'S FIND OUT!
THERE.
NOT BAD FOR A DAY'S WORK.

MONTHS LATER.
THINK I GOT SOMETHIN' BUT... HOW KIN I TELL 'EM WHAT I GOT? IT'D MEAN--
EEEOOOEEEOOOEEEOOOEEEOOO
WHAT IN TARNATION?!
THIS IS PLUMB LOCO! WHAT IN THA HELL--
SIRENS SIGNAL AN ATTACK! BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE HAD ONE.
THANKFULLY THE IONIC ENERGY IN OUR DOME WILL KEEP THE SANCTUARY SAFE WHILE WE GO OUT THERE--
EEEOOOEEEOOOEEEOOOEEEOOO
YOU SEEN WHAT'S HAPPENING? HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT'S MAKING THIS RAID...
IT WAS ALWAYS ULTRON OR ZOMBIES, EITHER OR.
EEEOOOEEEOOOEEEOOOEEEOOO

"...BUT I'D SAY THAT THIS IS THE *WORST* OF BOTH.

"THE IONIC DOME ISN'T HOLDING EITHER...

"...THEY'RE TOO POWERFUL...

"...AND THERE ARE JUST *TOO MANY.*"

WE WERE HOPING YOU'D HAVE *ANSWERS* BY NOW, HANK. SOME WAY TO END THIS--THE ULTRON PART OF IT ANYWAY--

--SO IF YOU DO, I'D SAY *NOW'S* THE TIME TO TELL US.

I GOT SOMETHING-- *MAYBE* A WAY-- BUT IT'S NOT TRIED AN' EVEN IF IT WORKS, IT'S-- IT'S--

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, PYM?

YEAH, MAN, *SPIT* IT OUT.

OKAY. *YEAH,* I HAVE A WAY... BUT FER US TO *WIN...*

...THA THREE O' YOU GENTS'S GOTTA *LOSE.*

TO BE CONCLUDED!

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